

TENNESSEE PURPLE STAR SCHOOL AWARD

Tennessee Purple Star Award



*The **Tennessee Purple Star School Award** is provided to military-friendly schools who display a major commitment to serving military connected families and students. In order for a school to be honored with the Tennessee Purple Star School Award, the school must complete all of the Required School Activities and one of the Optional School Activities which are listed below.*

Required School Activities:

A school must complete all four of the following activities and provide evidence of completion through pictures, videos, fliers, registration sign-in, links, etc.

- The school must have an assigned staff Point of Contact (POC) for military-connected students and families. The POC serves as the primary liaison between the family and the school. This contact could be a counselor, administrator, teacher, registrar, or other staff member who is well equipped to support incoming and exiting students and their families;
- The school based POC must complete a professional development course or session that covers topics outlined by the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) or special considerations for military connected families and students.
- The school maintains a dedicated webpage with support materials and information for military connected families and students. The link needs to be easily located from the school's home page. All information must be current and contain the POC contact information.
 - Topics may include:
 - Registration and Orientation information
 - What to bring from previous school
 - Special Needs documents including parental rights documents
 - Special situations
 - MIC3 Rules and Regulation Federal and State
 - Other topics: Extra Curricular activities, testing information, state report card info etc.

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- A school must complete one of the following activities and provide evidence of completion through pictures, videos, fliers, registration sign in, links, etc.
 - Professional development regarding the special considerations and supports available for military connected families and students is held during a staff meeting or workshop.
 - Resolution passed by the school board publicizing the school's support for military students and families.
 - Host an annual military friendly program. (Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, 9/11, Patriot Day, etc.)
 - Public military display in the school. (memorial, tribute wall, bulletin board, a Purple Star room, etc.)
 - Hosts a military appreciation event.
 - Celebration of the Month of the Military Child (April).
 - Form military family/committee/counseling groups to offer support.
 - Fundraisers to support military veterans and active duty members.

How to Apply

This application is for an individual school building, not an entire district.

- Review this document and implement the components in a manner that best fits your school and community.
- Document the activities with pictures, video, registration sheets, fliers, etc.
- Applications for the Tennessee Purple Star School Award are available online at TN State Board of Education and the TN MIC3 websites from November 1 through February 1.
- Print the Application document and complete all components.
- Email the application and documents to munis.deb@gmail.com.
- Within 7 days, you will receive a reply that your application has been received.
- Awardees will be announced on the first Monday in April.

The MIC3 Council is responsible for reviewing all award applications.

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Recognition

Awardees will be announced the first Monday of April. Schools that earn the award will receive a special Tennessee Purple Star School Award certificate to display in their building. A list of all current Purple Star Awardees will be posted on the TN State Board of Education and the TN MIC3 websites.

Renewal

All schools earning the Purple Star Award will maintain the status for two years. At the end of year two, the school must reapply in order to remain an awardee.

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